

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please cancel the present Abstract and substitute therefor the following new Abstract:

A data transmission system is provided for transmitting a data signal between a server and a communications terminal over a transmission link having a variable bandwidth. The data signal is a scalable compressed multimedia clip comprising a sequence of images. Each image has a base layer and a number of enhancement layers. To cope with variability in the bandwidth, the sequence is re-ordered so that the base layers have greater safety times than the enhancement layers. This allows all of the base layers to arrive in time to be played at the expense of the enhancement layers.